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THE LATHAM PRIZES

A Native Wayne County Boy Remembers and Lends Encouragement to the Youth of His Native Heath.

MIS ADDRESS AT OAK RIDGE.

It may be pardonable in the Argus man to call attention briefly to the fact that owing to the zest latterly given to the cultivation of corn in Wayne County through the Board of Education's Boys' Corn Clubs, not a bushel of foreign corn was brought in to Wayne county last year, when formerly many car loads of such were annually required to bread the county.

Does not this speak well for the Corn Club Boys and the County Board of Education, under which the Corn Club is fostered? Last week the Argus carried a full report of this year's results of our Boys Corn Club—and it was a splendid report of yields.

But this is not the only "side-line" the Board of Education of Wayne County is fostering. Recently our excellent County Superintendent Mr. E. T. Atkinson published a forty page handbook replete with instruction and encouragement to teachers, committeemen and pupils of the County Schools, and from one of its pages, we copy the following, which speaks for itself:

Latham Prizes:
Mr. J. Ed. Latham, the noted world cotton magnate, of Greensboro, a native of Wayne County, born in Salisbury township and had his first schooling there, offers the following generous awards:

To the boy of the rural schools of Wayne county, from the fifth grade up, who writes the best original essay on the "Building and Up-Keep of Good Roads"—\$10 in gold; for the second best essay by gold boy \$5 in gold.

For the best essay by a girl of the rural schools of Wayne county from the fifth grade up, on "Hygienic Cooking in the Country"—\$10 in gold; for second best essay \$5 in gold.

To the rural school showing the largest percentage of the district census in average daily attendance \$20 in gold. If the winning school be a one-teacher school the entire prize is to go to its teacher; if the winning school have more than one teacher, this prize is to be divided equally among the teachers of said school.

Since this booklet was published, Mr. Latham has given further evidence of his broad interest in the youth not alone of his native county but of the State at large, for last month, by invitation, he delivered an address to the student body of Oak Ridge Institute, near his home town, Greensboro, and we are proud to give it publication in the Argus, as follows:

Exaggeration is always harmless in an introductory speech. Your President has promised you beyond my power to perform; however, I know one introductory speech that carried greater promises.

A negro preacher had invited a very distinguished white preacher to fill his pulpit. He introduced him about as follows:

"Brethren and sisters, we is indeed

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blest today. A very learned Divine is givine to address you. This educated Elder that is givine to speak to you knows the unknowable; he speaks the unspeakable; and he can onscrow the inscrutable."

I want to talk to you on a subject that is ever exercising the public mind and is now filling the public press. That subject is preparedness. What is preparedness? The dictionary says it is the act of being ready, of being prepared. When you go to class you know instinctively whether or not you are prepared. Sometime you get through a lesson and get a good mark when you know that it was an accident. The question is have you cheated yourself or your teacher?

I hold that you have done both. I once heard a successful man say that he had some little respect for the man that could fool the other fellow, but the man that would fool himself was hopeless. It has been said that "Genius consists in an infinite capacity for taking pains." Without contesting this worthy sentiment, I wish to say that, generally speaking, genius consists in an inordinate capacity for effective thinking.

You have come here to prepare for life's battles, each one for himself. The object in going to school is to learn how to think. The things that you learn from the books are only a part of the liberal education that ought to be yours. You would find your tasks much easier if you knew how to work effectively. The boy that has learned some one thing and "knows that he knows" has advanced. The sayings of wise men have been recorded since language was invented. The two old sayings that in my opinion are the greatest are, first, "Know thyself." Think of it, "Know thyself." If you will learn yourself you have made the greatest preparation that a man ever made.

Know how to take care of your health, how to curb your passions, how to control your temper, how to be good natured, how to do right, and above all, how to say "no." The other proverb is a very homely one. "There is more in the man than in the land."

You don't have to go five miles from here to find a man that is farming so poorly that you are sorry for the land. It is so in all trades and in all professions. Any business is a good business if you are the right man and you find a good stand.

There is such a thing as luck but it very seldom keeps down the prepared man. Men seldom achieve anything by accident or by chance. The way to prepare efficiently is to get down to the why and wherefore of things and understand them.

There is much truth in the old and familiar hymn:

"Little drops of water
Little grains of sand
Make the mighty ocean," etc.

Men achieve happiness and wealth in the small things they do.

The tallest building and one of the greatest stores in the world was built from nickels and dimes. This is the Woolworth building in New York.

Your success will not come from one study or one brilliant recitation, but it will come from being prepared.

The study of man is a part of a liberal education—a part of your preparation.

Success seldom comes to men by chance. They have been preparing unconsciously to themselves. Webster's reply to Paine still lives as one of the world's masterpieces of oratory, and is taken as a model, and by many is believed to be the greatest speech ever made in the American Senate. The contemporaries of Demosthenes said he was not a natural orator, but his study and preparation made people think so. Do you

imagine that the famous "Cross of Gold and Crown of Thorns" speech by William Jennings Bryan, that gave him the nomination for the Presidency, was the speech of a moment?

Do you believe that George Washington was chosen Commander of the Continental army for any other reason than that he was the best equipped man in America for the position?

One of the world's greatest constructive geniuses and a Captain of Industry, is a North Carolina man named J. B. Duke, Ex-President of the American Tobacco Company. It is related of Mr. Duke that at one time the son of a prominent banker in New York had his eye on Mr. Duke's job. Mr. Duke went to this prominent banker's house and this conversation took place: "Mr. Banker, as you know, on tomorrow the directors of the American Tobacco Company will elect a President. At present, I hold that position, and I hold it because I am the fittest man in the world for the job. I bid you good day." At the meeting next day there was no other name mentioned than that of Mr. Duke. Why? Because the directors knew that Mr. Duke knew more about the tobacco business than any other man in the world.

The most beloved man that North Carolina has produced was Chas. B. Aycock, the Educational Governor. Do you suppose he received this title by chance? No. Aycock had been living, breathing and dreaming education all his life. He loved the work of education and his splendid ability as a speaker enabled him to do a greater service by being prepared. Don't understand from these remarks that I recommend you to work yourselves to death. No. Learn how to work efficiently and how to play joyously. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." And it is just as important for you to learn how to play as to know how to work.

In your individual preparation there are many valuable lessons to be learned. Many of these lessons are not in the books. On the play ground you observe the best runners, the best jumpers, the best pitchers and the best catchers. You see men that are slow and men that are fast, men with good eyes and men that can't see a joke; men that are kind and men that are rude, men that everybody likes and men that nobody likes. This is the sort of world that you have to live in, boys, so why not prepare accordingly? Don't be the man who can't see a joke, and don't be the fellow that nobody likes. Josh Billings says: "A man that can't laugh is to be pitied, and a man that can't laugh and won't be to be shunned like a bear trap that is set."

I fear that I have about exhausted myself on the subject of preparedness, but, as you boys look good natured, I want to talk to you awhile on the subject of unpreparedness.

There was a darky preacher once that began his discourse about as follows:

"Brethren and sisters, I has a message for you today, and wants you all to listen. Firstly, I shall take my text. Secondly, I shall depart from it. Thirdly, I shall never return to it."

This subject of unpreparedness you can apply to your personal selves, but just at this moment there is much being said of our nation's unpreparedness. Lack of preparedness is no longer a jest. The events of the past year have brought home to every man the utter weakness of this great nation to guard itself against a sudden attack.

I do not believe that this nation ought to prepare for the purpose of making war, but it ought to prepare for defense.

In our feeling of good will to all

men, and in our innocence, we have failed to realize with what derision and, in many cases, contempt and even hatred, our position in the world's affairs is now regarded.

We are so pacific in our intentions that we cannot understand the racial hatred of those nations at war. This nation loves peace and we believe there is no difference in the depth of love of country between those who wish to enlarge our defenses and those who wish to wait until we are attacked. The difference is one of expediency. I believe that we ought to prepare to save ourselves from such overwhelming disaster as has recently overtaken Belgium, and from such calamity as overtook our citizen soldiery in the Spanish war from the ravages of typhoid fever.

The regular army of the United States is about the same size as the police force of New York City. In event of war where would our officers come from? How many of you boys know anything of camp life? Warfare is now a highly developed science and the sword and spear and the pistol and rifle must give way to high powered machine guns and explosive bombs and big guns that carry projectiles weighing a ton for over twenty miles, and these can be handled only by trained men.

Every new means for destroying life strikes terror into the hearts of peace loving men, and makes them imagine whether civilization is about to perish; yet history has recorded the fact that the best armed civilization are on the whole the ones that have survived longest. Idealism is a beautiful thought, but it may be the price of humiliation. We must meet the world upon its own terms and not as we would wish them.

A little over half a century ago many of our daddies and our daddies' daddies were taking home a piece of that famous Appomattox apple tree and pondering over the message of their beloved and peerless Commander, Robert E. Lee. What was this message?

"Brave comrades our cause is lost! Accept peace, lay down your arms, go home and make a crop."

You boys know from hearsay and from history something of the horrors of that struggle. You know from the same sources something of the horrors of reconstruction, that period of several years following the war when there was no safety to property, no protection to womanhood, and death stalked the land. It is too horrible to talk about even though it is so far behind us that few people living today remember it. Horrible as was that war, it was a war between Americans. How much more horrible would it be for this country, "the land of the free and the home of the brave," were it overrun with the riffraff of Europe or the yellow men of the Orient! Speaking of that immortal struggle commonly called the civil war, but more properly, the war between the States, has it ever occurred to you that that war was unnecessary? I am not going for once to tell you that the South did not think it was right; and our glorious Old North State, the last to secede, was the bravest of them all.

But I am going to tell you as I read history, that war was unnecessary, because, the issues involved should and could have been settled without war. You ask me why it was not so settled, and I will tell you. It was because the United States was not prepared to defend itself from attacks external or internal.

When Fort Sumter was fired upon the regular Army of the United States was less than 17,000 strong. The beginning of the war was merely the act of a few impetuous men, a small sized mob. A very small spark can start a big fire. The army of 17,000 men was

scattered all over the country and naturally there was not enough soldiers to stop a small mob, and the mob grew. If our country had been prepared with a small army of even 75,000 men, in my opinion there would have been no war.

To my mind there is just about as much sense in saying that I am honest and my neighbors are honest, and therefore, we will not have any further use to lock our doors, as to say we are peace loving and I believe the balance of the world to be peace loving, and, therefore, I will not prepare.

Of all important nations of the earth, China is the only one that has taken this position. I don't think her success has been great enough to be emulated. Boys, this is a very serious subject. In our prosperity and progress we lose sight of what may happen.

"All theories in regard to peace and war, all thought of our being immune from the danger of invasion or of actual subjection by an invading army might as well be dismissed from our minds, in view of the horrors which engulf all Europe."

I confess to you that I have gloomy forebodings of evil. To my mind every day brings fresh evidence that we ought to prepare. If a contest should come it will involve the destinies of our children and the fate of our country.

It is said that anticipated panics never come because they are provided for. Let us prepare for defense but pray for peace.

We need an adequate and efficient army and navy, able to keep the peace no matter who knocks at the door.

Ralph Waldo Emerson has said that England was great because she had the best business stand on the globe. That perhaps was once true, but it is true no longer. Today the best business stand is the United States and you young men must prepare yourselves, and see that your country is prepared so that your individual pursuit of happiness and your country's glorious progress can go on unhampered and unafraid.

FOR EMPTY STOCKINGS

After the Argus had gone to press Saturday afternoon the following donations were received:

- Margaret Hines \$.50
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The fund as published Saturday was \$87.25 and with the above contributions was turned over to Mrs. B. H. Griffin, chairman of the Empty Stocking Fund Committee, this morning, the full fund amounting to \$91.25 and a 25 pound bucket of candy.

The usual issuing of tickets to the poor children designated by the Committee will prevail this season. The tickets thus issued will admit the bearer to the Crystal theatre, where the filled stockings and other gifts will be distributed and the aggregation of children given a free show of movies by the Crystal management.

The hour for the gathering of the children at the Crystal will be told the children when their tickets are issued to them by the ladies of the committee.

The Argus extends its personal thanks to the contributors to this sweet and comforting charity, and wishes them one and all an especially joyous Christmas.

GIVING TO GOD.

Professing Christians Should be More Loyal in the Support of the Church, Declared the Pastor of First Baptist Church.

(By Robt. L. Denmark.)

"The christian financial support to God, his fellowman and self" was the subject the pastor of the First Baptist church spoke upon yesterday morning, taking his text from Malachi 3:10. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall be room enough to receive it."

In his sermon Pastor Watkins said in part: "The subject used pertains to the things of this world, the christian is due God his part to build the Kingdom of God, for God uses the same method in a visible conception as does the Government; the application a spiritual kingdom, the other an earthly kingdom."

"Every christian is due his part, and God maps out the part in the Book, and it is the duty of each to bring to the house of the Lord the part intended for the Lord. It is also the duty of the Christian to find what his part is, and no one should be satisfied until it is known. Such is possible and the Bible is clear in stating what is wanted."

"I have oftentimes wondered why the requirement is not solved, and if it can be why should not each one learn it as speedily as possible."

"A part of what we earn is God's due. The burden of giving the Gospel to the world is placed upon the christians: we are to be the visible, while the Spirit of God is the invisible power, and we owe it to our fellowman to carry out this great obligation of giving; the Bread of Life."

"The church of the living God must develop its means, also should each of us on every dollar we make give God His part, and use our part righteously, giving as God wants us to live, as that we may lay up in Heaven treasures."

In his concluding remarks the pastor stated that his soul was yearning for the Kingdom and urged that his flock live on this earth to that end.

The republican national convention will meet again in the Chicago Coliseum and delegates will try not to remember the painful scenes enacted there during the last republican national convention.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

"PAY-UP WEEK"

Since the week of January 8 to 8 inclusive, 1916, has been set aside by the Merchants' Association of Goldsboro as "Pay-up Week" in Goldsboro, and

Since the Goldsboro Merchants' Association and its individual members, having the interest of its citizens and patrons uppermost in the mind, are desirous of placing our good town on a Pay-up basis, and since prosperity abounds in our midst in both city and country, due to the satisfactory results of this fall's crops and the very favorable prices that have been obtained, and

Since an event like this is of great benefit to our city, to our banks, and to all citizens, therefore,

I, by authority vested in me as Goldsboro's Mayor, do hereby designate and proclaim the week of January 8 to 8 inclusive, 1916, "Pay-up Week" in Goldsboro.

(Signed)
JOHN R. HIGGINS,
Mayor of Goldsboro.

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